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SUBJECT: DEATH OF JOSEPH ANDREW JOHNSON

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1. CONOFF HAS TALKED BY TELEPHONE WITH ALL THREE ADDRESSEES REFTEL. DRAYTON AND ERWIN (CORRECTED FOR IRVING) SEEMS LITTLE INTERESTED; ALL THREE PARTIES AGREE THAT TURNER IS PROBABLY EXECUTOR OF WILL EVERYONE PRESUMES EXISTS BUT NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE. CONOFF POVERMIRE AND FSL SILVA ARE NOW IN ALGARVE TAKING CUSTODY OF PROPERTY.

2. TURNER, WHO USUALLY LIVES WITH JOHNSON, IS TOURING SWITZERLAND. HE WAS LOCATED THROUGH EMBASSY BERNE AND WILL RETURN TO ALGARVE MONDAY VISA LISBON. AT PRESENT, NO ONE WILLING TO GIVE INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING DISPOSITION OF REMAINS. POVENMIRE TRYING TO PURSUADE LOCAL AUTHORITIES NOT TO BURY UNTIL TURNER RETURNS, BUT CONDITION OF BODY MAY REQUIRE EARLIER BURIAL.

3. PAPERS IN JOHNSON'S HOUSE SHOW THAT SAMUEL M. LEHRER OF ETTINGER, POSERINA, SILVERMAN, ET.AL., 1420 WALNUT ST., PHILADELPHIA, (215)546-6500 MAY BE JOHNSON'S LAWYER. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CALL HIM TO SEE IF HE HAS INSTRUCTION CONCERNING BURIAL OR DISPOSITION OF EFFECTS. POVENMIRE AND SILVA WILL SURVEY HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND LEAVE THEM IN CUSTODY OF LOCAL POLICE.
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